

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain in this application. It should be noted that the amendments have been made to independent claims 1, 4 and 7 of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-14 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

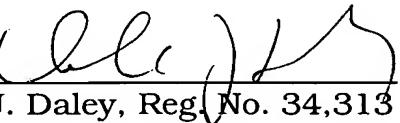
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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

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